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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. SOVIET COSMONAUTS LEONOV AND KUBASOV AND PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT NOON AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE FOR THE START OF THEIR TWO-WEEK TOUR OF THE U.S. THEY WILL BE MET BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DOBRYNIN AS WELL AS BY NASA OFFICIALS (FLETCHER AND LOW ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY) AND ASTRONAUTS STAFFORD, SLAYTON, AND BRAND.

2. WE THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION AT ANDREWS. IF YOU FEEL, IN VIEW OF YOUR SATURDAY ARRIVAL, THAT YOU WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT AT ANDREWS, JACK ARMITAGE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO IN YOUR PLACE. COULD WE HAVE YOUR VIEWS? KISSINGER

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